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Overview

This bill appropriates money for a grants program to be administered by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) for grants to individual and families who need home renovations due to age or disability.

Section

1 Appropriations; grants for accessibility home modifications.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Provides definitions for terms used in the grant eligibility portion of the bill, including “qualified modification or improvement” which lists the various types of improvements to a home that can be made using the grants in subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. Grants; eligibility. Provides that grants are available for homeowners, their spouses, or dependents who are in need of home modifications due to disability or age whose annual income is less than 450 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, which for 2014 was approximately \$107,325 for a family of four. This bill requires the homeowner to provide documentation from a physician or primary care provider that the accommodations are necessary.

Subd. 3. Appropriation. \$2,000,000 each year is provided from the general fund to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to administer the grants program and allows the agency to use a portion of the funds to administer the grant.